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*THIS SAME JESUS
WILL COME BACK*

THE DAYS OF TESTING & PROVING

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- After The Resurrection Came 40 Days Of Eyewitness Encounters With The Lord
- These Were Days Of Testing And Proving Their Faith
- Jesus Would Soon Ascend To Heaven--But He Would Also Return Again

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- **Acts 1:1–4 (NIV)** — 1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

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- **Acts 1:5–8 (NIV)** — 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” 6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

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- **Acts 1:9–11 (NIV)** — 9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. 10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

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- That 40 Days. Was A Time Of Testing And Proving. What Would They Do With All They Had Seen, Experienced, And Learned?
- Would These Believers Take Jesus At His Word?
- What Would They Do In The Days Immediately After He Left Them?
- Would They Believe In His Promise And His Plan?

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- **The Account Of David And Goliath -- For Both David And Israel
40 Days Of Testing**
- The 40 Day Time Period Is A Test Who Will Believe Who Will Step Up
- Did They Have The Faith To Defeat Giants?
- David Had Been Involved In Building Relationship With God
- Growing Faith And Trust And Obedience – He Got To Know God Before He Faced The Giant

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- There Is A Test Of Our Faith – A Time For Testing And Proving
- Has Christ Risen? Yes! Will He Come Back For Us?
This Is A Test Of Our Faith.

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- *The Message Of The Angels Is A Powerfully Important Fact Of Our Faith:*
- *This Same Jesus Who Has Been Taken Into Heaven Will Come Back*

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- When Jesus Returns His Return Will Be **Physical**
- When Jesus Returns His Return Will Be **Visible**
- When Jesus Returns His Return Will Be **Suddenly & In The Clouds**
- When Jesus Returns His Return Will Be **Glorious**

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- (Acts 1:11 NIV) "... they said, "**why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus**, who has been taken from you into heaven, **will come back** in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."
- This Is Not The Time To Stand Around
- This Is Not The Time To Be Looking Around
- This Is The Time To Be Occupying Until He Comes

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When Will All Of This Take Place?

- We Will Not Be Able To Determine An Exact Date
- We Can Be Aware Of The Season Of His Return
- Until He Returns, We Are To Stay Active And To Be Ready

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Reasons To Believe That Jesus Will Come Soon?

1. Because Jesus Said He Would
2. Because Of What Is Happening In Israel
3. Because of What we See Happening Around Us –The Signs (The Eclipse)
4. Because of the Signs in Nature
5. Because Of The Coming World Government
6. Society Is Collapsing Under Weight Of Immorality
7. Because Of The Rising Influence Of AI and Big Brother

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- Just As He Said -- Jesus Is Coming Again
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- When He Comes -- He Will Come
- 1. **Personally**—1 Thes. 4:16.
- 2. **Literally and Visibly**—Acts 1:11; 1 John 3:2; Rev. 1:7.
- 3. **In Glory**—Matthew 16:27; Matthew 24:30; Matthew 25:31.
- 4. **In Power**—Matthew 24:30.
- 5. **With Angels**—Matthew 25:31; Rev. 5:11.
- 6. **Come Quickly**—Rev. 22:7, 12, 20; Matthew 28:7-8.
- 7. **Unexpectedly**—Matthew 24:50; Luke 21:34-35.

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- R-ead Your Bible
- E-value Your Current Condition
- A-llow God To Change You
- D-etermine To Live w Eternity In Mind
- Y-ield Yourself Fully To Him No Matter What

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Our Readiness And Warning -- He Will Come Like A Thief In The Night

- **1 Thessalonians 5:1-2 (NIV)** (1) Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, (2) for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
- Don't Be Asleep
- Don't Be Surprised
- Don't Be In Darkness & Night -- But In Light & Day
- Be Self Controlled -- With Faith, Hope, Love – Salvation As A Helmet
- Be Encouraged And Built Up
- We Are Living With The Future In Mind





